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R. L. MCGEE.

Mr. R. L. McGee is a comparative stranger in Union City, coming here a few months ago from Waverly, Tenn., but he came well recommended.



R. L. MCGEE.

omended both as a gentleman of honesty and integrity, and a skilled, competent carpenter and contractor and has made many friends in and around Union City. He has executed some excellent work since he has been here which has given perfect satisfaction, and which is a standing advertisement for him in regard to his skill as an expert

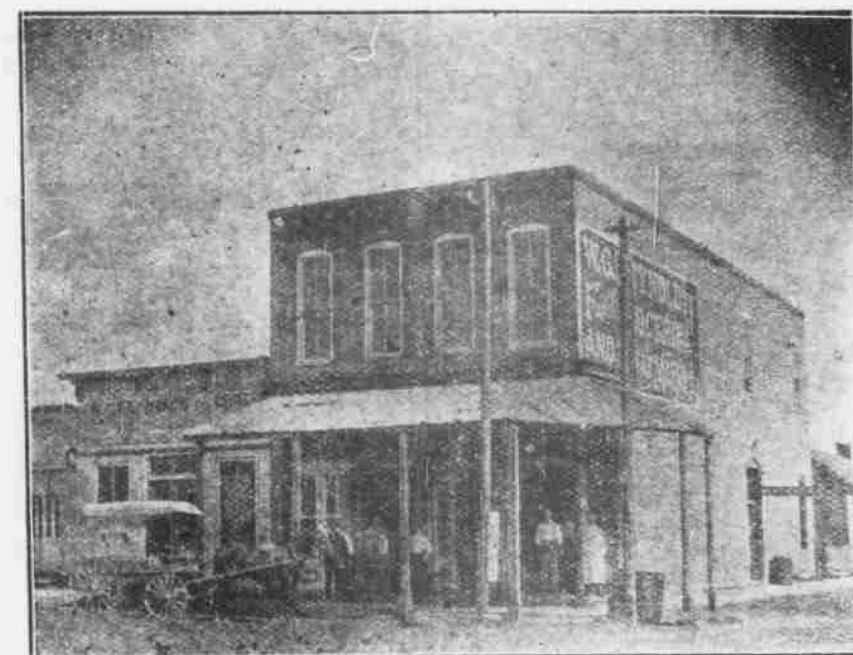


ASKINS &amp; DIRCKS SAW MILL AND LUMBER YARDS.

builder. Mr. McGee has had 22 years experience as a master builder, and those contemplating building will study their interest by conferring with him and having him make plans, specifications and prices.

W. G. REYNOLDS.

W. G. Reynolds was born in Marshall County, Mississippi, thirty-three years ago, where he lived until eight years of age, when he moved with his parents to Union City. He attended school until nineteen years of age when he moved out on a farm and became a tiller of the soil. Nine years of agricultural life was enough for



W. G. REYNOLDS' GROCERY HOUSES.

him and he moved to Union City and embarked in the grocery business. Notwithstanding he could boast of but three days experience when he entered the grocery business for himself he has made it a success, doing a business at his store on Washington Avenue second to none in the city. In connection with his grocery he has one of the best equipped and best conducted meat and vegetable markets in the city. He also owns a lovely little home on Lee Street.

In 1886 he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Lee McFadden, one of Union City's fairest and most popular young ladies. He is a member of the First Christian Church, the Sunday School of which he has been Superintendent the past five years. He is one of our aldermen, being the youngest man elected and was second in the race. He is also chairman of the Street Committee.

Hix—Young Dr. Pillsbury doesn't seem to have much of a practice. Dix—No; but there is one thing to be said in his favor. Hix—What is that? Dix—He is willing to practice on anybody that will let him.—Chicago News.

"How much sugar do you put in your gooseberry pie, Mrs. Wiggins?" "Well, between you and me, Mrs. Higgins, I don't put in any, then boards o'mine allus puts in such an awful lot themselves."—Puck.

Four years ago Mr. Adams bought out the grocery business of White & Reeves, corner Main and Cemetery streets, in the eastern part of the city, and has since continued the business most successfully. He carries a full and well selected stock of everything in the grocery line. He also handles everything in the way of vegetables and farm products, hay, corn, bran, etc.

Mr. Adams is an old Union City boy, being born June 27, 1864, on his father's lovely farm, whose broad acres extend to within a few yards of his store. On this farm Mr. Adams worked until twenty-five years of age, when he accepted a position as foreman of the old Union City Grain Company, where he remained several years, when the plant burned, but it was immediately rebuilt and became the Phoenix Grain Company, of which he was foreman until he resigned four years ago to enter the grocery business.

No one in Union City is more widely and favorably known than the subject of our sketch, who has experienced his greatest happiness since his marriage five years ago to Miss Lena Reeves, one of Union City's most cultured, refined and lovable young ladies.

ASKINS &amp; DIRCKS' LUMBER COMPANY.

In 1891 Messrs. Askins and Dircks erected in Union City a band mill, with the latest and most improved machinery. They manufacture

hardwood lumber, oak, ash, gum and poplar. This plant gives employment to some thirty men, and is a source of considerable revenue to our town; and it is just such enterprises as this that has made Union City what it is, and placed it before the outside world as the best town in West Tennessee.

The firm also does a large retail business in all kinds and classes of lumber; and should you contemplate building a house, remember they can furnish everything needed in its construction, and at prices which no firm in West Tennessee can lower. They saw and work up such a large amount of lumber that the scraps and cullings

furnish a large part of Union City with stove and fire wood. A cut of this large plant can be found in this paper, but the picture gives but a faint idea of the business in its entirety.

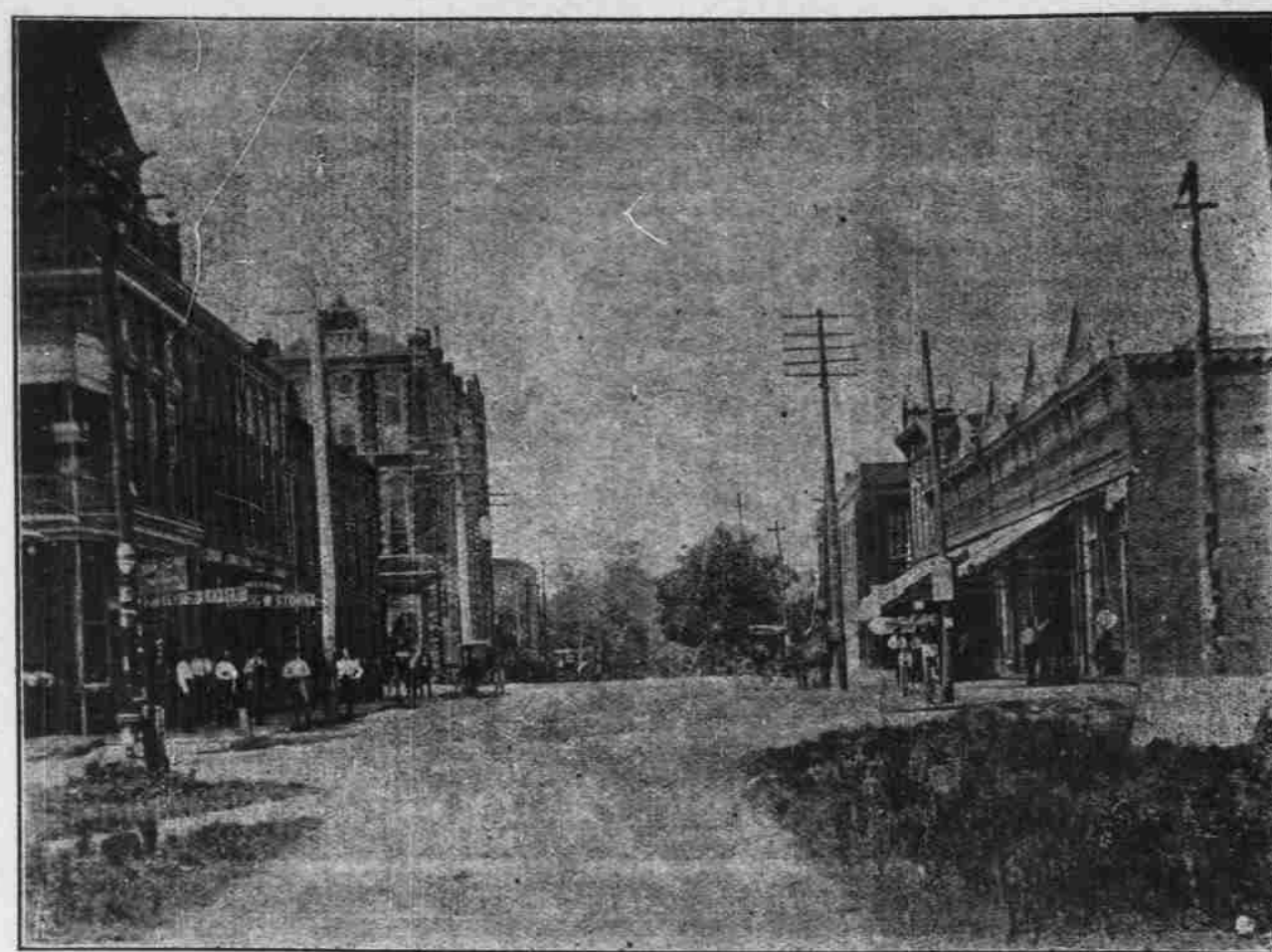
## New Teeth at 80 Years.

John Markwith, of Orange, N. J., who is 80 years old, is cutting his third set of teeth. A few molars were all that were left of his original teeth, and as he had no confidence in store teeth he had for years been practically toothless.

Within the last month Mr. Markwith has felt a peculiar sensation in his upper jaw in front, and last week two small teeth poked their cutting edges through his hardened gums.

There are signs of others coming, and Mr. Markwith is speculating on whether his mouth will fill up again.

With the coming of the new teeth the old man's eyesight, which has been failing for years, has improved wonderfully, and he declares he is renewing his youth in every way.—New York Sun.



SCENE ON MARY STREET, LOOKING WEST FROM DEPOT.

W. H. GARDNER.

W. H. Gardner was born in Dresden, Waukegan county, Tenn., Nov. 24, 1840, where he attended the village schools until 1859, when he entered the Union University at Murfreesboro, where he remained one year, and then attended the University of Virginia, where he graduated in 1861; and upon his leaving this famous institution of learning enlisted in the Ninth Tennessee Regiment and served to the close of hostilities, when he received an honorable discharge and located in Hickman, Ky., where he engaged in the commission business several years. In 1878 he came to Union City, and for four years was agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, which position he resigned to embark in the manufacture of spokes, which business he relinquished in 1888, owing to factory being destroyed by fire. A few years after this unfortunate visitation, Mr. Gardner entered the insurance business, which he is engaged in to-day, and of which he has made a decided success. The firm of Beckham & Gardner, of which he is a member, doing the largest business in that line of any

W. D. REEVES.

The subject of this sketch first saw the light forty-seven years ago in Middle Tennessee, and when a small boy removed with his parents to Kentucky, where he was reared.



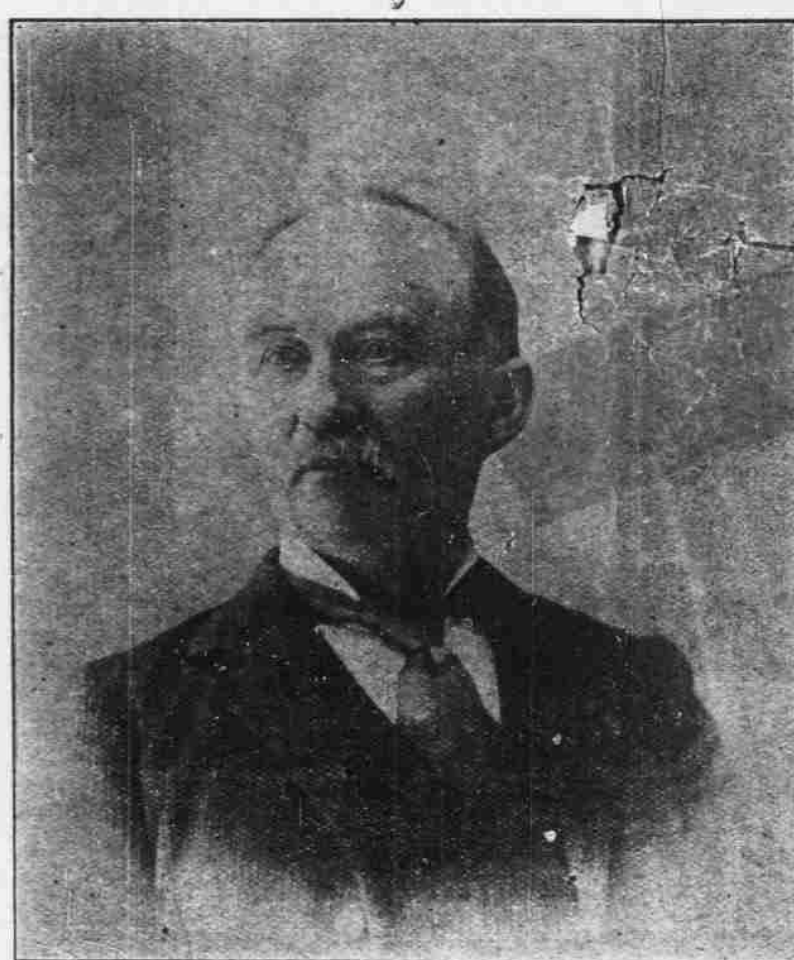
W. D. REEVES.

and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1881 at Murray, Ky., he was united in marriage to Miss Josie McNabb, one of the prominent and

to eat, corn, wheat, hogs, cattle and fowls of nearly every variety. Mr. Reeves is not interested in farming as much as he is in the raising and breeding of stock. Besides several fine jacks and a number of horses, he is the owner of Hal Plex, one of the finest stallions in this section. In front of the house, near the road, are two fine ponds of clear, pure water, on the banks of which Mrs. Reeves, who is very fond of fishing, spends many pleasant hours. Mr. Reeves was born in Graves county, Ky., seventy-three years ago, and came to Union City in 1883. He is a strict member of the Christian Church, and numbers as his friends all of his acquaintances. He derives his greatest happiness at his home, surrounded by all that should and does bring him contentment.

UNION-ICE AND COAL COMPANY.

The Union City Ice and Coal Company is one of the enterprises of our city of which the community is justly proud, as it is one of the most complete businesses of its kind in West Tennessee. In 1891 Memphis capitalists erect-



W. H. GARDNER.

agency in West Tennessee, outside of Memphis.

Mr. Gardner was elected one of the City Board in 1884, and has served continuously since, with the exception of one term, which he spent on a visit to his son in Columbus, Ohio, and in nearly every election he headed the ticket, which is proof positive of his popularity. He is a consistent and valued member of the Methodist Church and a Royal Arch and Master Mason.

Mr. Gardner is one of our most enterprising and public spirited citizens, and takes an interest in everything that redounds to the benefit and welfare of our city. He was one of the incorporators of the Bank of Union City, now the Commercial, and also of the First National.

He has an interesting and cultured family, and his handsome residence, 306 Fifth street, a cut of which appears in this issue, is probably more often the scene of social gatherings than any home in Union City, such festive occasions being presided over by Misses Mamie and Bessie, his accomplished daughters.

German locomotive factories number eighteen, and have a capacity of 1,400 locomotives per year part of which output is exported. It is said that no American locomotives have yet been introduced into Germany.

June bugs are thick in parts of Germany this year. At Brody, school children lately gathered twenty-five and a half hundred weight from a sixteen-acre field. Some one has figured out that this means 1,250,000 June bugs.

Kate Delougherty, of Kansas City, is perhaps the only woman switch-tender in the United States. Her position is an important one, as she throws the switches for all the passenger trains which enter and leave the union depot in that city.

popular young ladies of the village. In 1892 Mr. Reeves came to Union City without a dollar in his pocket, and with few tools, but he secured employment and went to work, and was soon able to send for his family. To-day Mr. Reeves has a fine residence and is comfortably fixed. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and his word is as good as his bond. Through this section he is recognized as a contractor who stands at the head of his profession, executing his work in the most competent and painstaking manner. He makes a specialty of fine dwellings and business houses, in both frame and brick, and he can not be excelled when it comes to fancy and complicated roofs. He was the contractor and builder of the Mathies-Sullivan mill, which can be seen elsewhere in this paper.

A. C. REEDS.

One of the prettiest suburban homes around Union City is that of Mr. A. C. Reeds, just east of the city. His handsome residence is



A. C. REEDS.

surrounded by fertile acres, on which the owner raises everything

J. N. BRADSHAW.

Mr. Bradshaw was born and reared in Maury County. Came to Union City six years ago. After engaging in other business he was elected constable three years ago. He is recognized as one of our best officers—a good collector, and is always prompt in turning over his collections. Mr. Bradshaw met with the misfortune of losing his right hand, which incapacitates him from manual labor but does not interfere with his official duties. The satisfaction he has given as constable has made him many friends all over the county, which is sure to result in his advancement officially and eventually place him in one of Obion County's most prominent offices. He was constable in Maury County six years.

W. S. JACKSON &amp; COMPANY.

The South Side grocery, of W. S. Jackson & Co., does one of the largest, if not the largest businesses in the grocery line of any firm in Union City. They began business in December 1894, and their trade has constantly increased. They carry everything in a well appointed grocery, and are extensive dealers in hardware, implements, mowers, binders, buggies and wagons, and keep repairs for all implements handled. They sell their goods at the lowest possible figures, because they are at less expense than any firm in Union City, as they own their own residences, their business house, and being just outside the corporation, have no municipal, electric light or water tax to pay. Their expenses therefore are less than

J. W. TEMPLE.

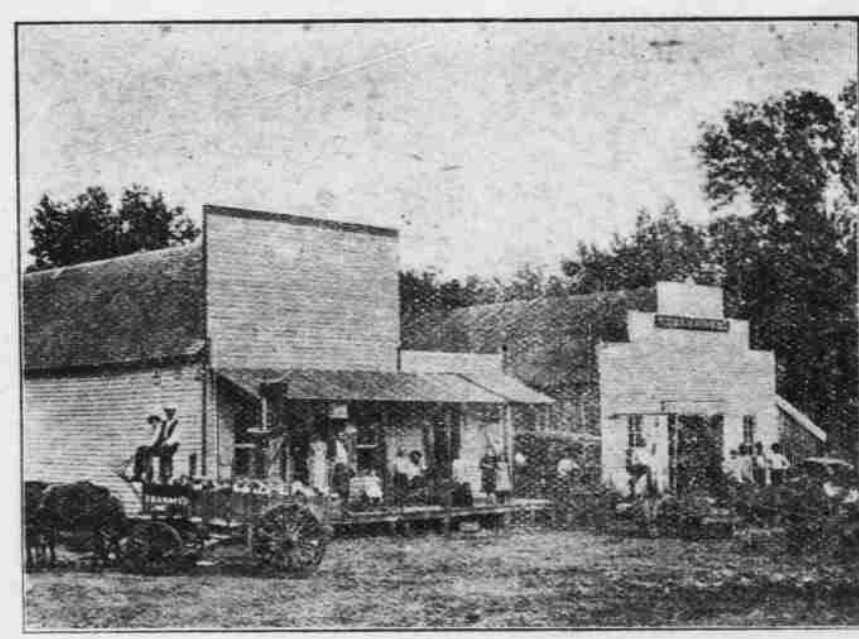
Mr. J. W. Temple was born and reared in Madison county, Tenn. When the civil war began he was nineteen, and enlisted in the Sixth Tennessee Infantry, and went forth to battle for a cause he believed just, and which he considers to-day. He was severely wounded at the battle of Shiloh,



J. W. TEMPLE.

and was carried a prisoner to St. Louis and placed in a hospital, and upon his recovery was exchanged and remained at home, as he was unfit for further military duty.

In February, 1886, Mr. Temple moved to Union City and took charge of the Cumberland Telephone Company's business as its manager, which position he held for four years, when he resigned, and for two years was engaged in



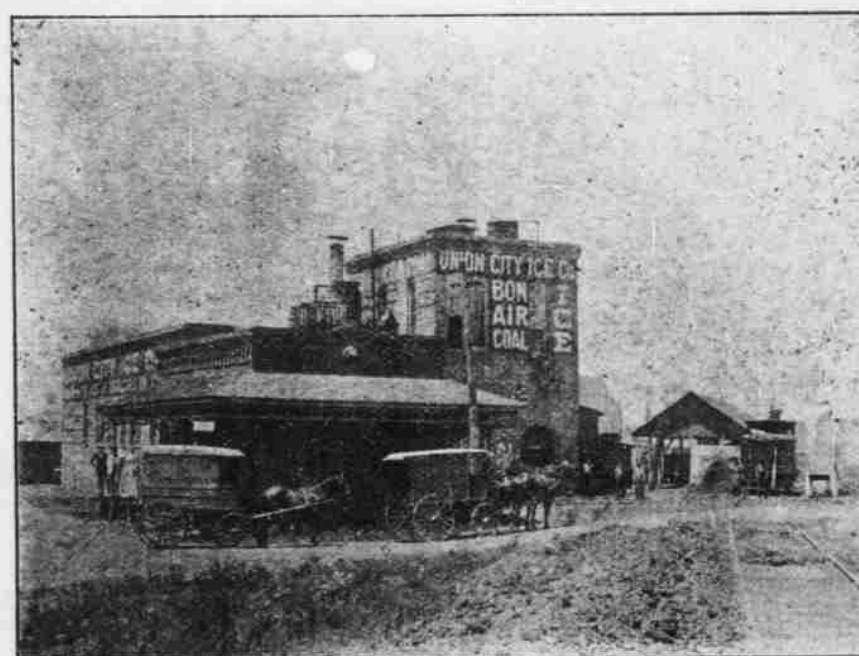
W. S. JACKSON &amp; CO'S GROCERY AND WAREHOUSE.

any other firm, and the amount saved they give to their customers in a reduction on the goods they buy. They run two delivery wagons to all parts of the city, and goods ordered from either of their polite drivers or by telephone will be promptly delivered.

The firm also runs a large dry goods and grocery store at Mt. Moriah, and buying largely they buy cheaply and sell the same way.

The proprietors, Messrs. W. S. Jackson and F. W. Pardue, are two of the most popular and widely known men in Obion County. The

other business. The business of the telephone company went down to almost nothing after Mr. Temple left its employ, and the managers of the company prevailed upon him to take his old position, which he did, and increased the business from thirteen subscribers to about 200, at present, with fifteen toll lines connected with the office. As a telephone manager he has been a decided success, ever studying the company's interest, and honestly endeavoring to give the public the best service possible.

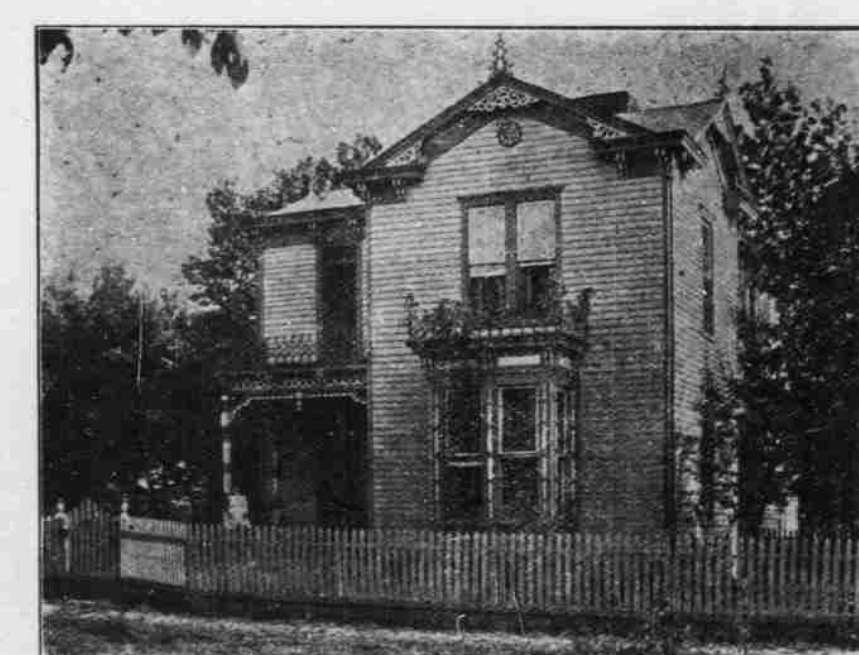


UNION CITY ICE FACTORY PLANT.

former served fourteen years as deputy sheriff and sheriff, while Mr. Pardue held the same offices twelve years.

The elephant has 40,000 muscles in his trunk alone, while a man has only 577 in his entire body.

"Some people," said the boy with dirty face, "never thank ye, no matter what ye do for 'em. A feller put a bent pin on the teachers' chair th'other day, an' when the teacher was about to set down I pulled the chair out from under him to save him from the pin. An' by George, he licked me fur it."—Chicago Tribune.



J. A. COBLE'S RESIDENCE.—(For Sale.)

The residence of Mr. J. A. Coble as shown by the above cut is situated on Main Street, one of the most popular streets, and in one of the best neighborhoods in the city. It is an excellent two-story building of seven rooms, three halls and two verandahs, bath room etc., with suitable out houses.

On account of business keeping Mr. Coble elsewhere, this splendid residence is for sale. For particulars, address or see J. A. COBLE, of Coble & Claggett, Union City, Tenn.

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